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F R E E



Independent photo by James Oztman

The \$10.5 million Van Buren Public Schools' Early Childhood Development Center is taking shape to the southeast of Belleville High School as walls and roofs are put in place. The project was approved by voters and is expected to be completed around Oct. 31.

President signs HB1 and sends huge checks to tri-community

With the stroke of President Joe Biden's pen on the \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus House Bill 1 on Thursday, communities across the country were designated for big checks with little rules on how to spend the money. And, use of the funds are not subject to an expiration date.

Michigan counties, cities, and townships will receive \$4.22 billion in stimulus aid. The money is intended to replace local tax revenues lost during the coronavirus pandemic. The appropriations were based on population, growth, poverty, and housing overcrowding.

- Van Buren Township will get \$2,803,777;
 - Sumpter Township will get \$924,686; and
 - The City of Belleville will get \$384,685.
- Neighboring Canton Township is scheduled to get \$9,119,098, Huron Charter Township, \$1,604,204, and City of

Romulus, \$2,327,562.

The biggest check is \$5.6 billion to the State of Michigan. The biggest check to a community is \$879.6 million for the City of Detroit. The smallest is \$10,000 to Clare.

Belleville to consider keeping police chief as city manager, too

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a discussion on how to move forward in selecting a new city manager from the 19 remaining candidates, the Belleville City Council agreed to have Mayor Kerreen Conley and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte look into the possibility of putting Police Chief Dave Robinson into that position along with his police chief job.



Robinson

The decision to form a committee was made during a 43-minute special Zoom meeting on March 10. Chief Robinson currently is serving as interim city manager.

"This is a great idea," said Mayor Conley, who said they could come back with a report in a couple of weeks.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said Clerk/Treasurer Verna Chapman, Chief Robinson, and DPW Director Rick Rutherford could share their input.

"We have to include all the key players," agreed Mayor Conley. "Looks like we have a game plan."

"I feel very comfortable going this route," said Councilman Ken Voigt, a retired city police officer. "I don't want to just 'settle' on somebody... We're in a good place right now."

Councilwoman Bates asked Chief Robinson if he was uncomfortable with the council talking about him wearing two hats.

"I'm open to having that conversation," Chief Robinson replied.

The council spent the first part of the meeting discussing the situation of operating without a city manager since Tracey Schultz Kobylarz has been gone a month.

Mayor Conley said she called the meeting to report on the 20 applicants for the job, with one withdrawing, leaving 19. She had sent a spread sheet to council members on the applicants and thought it would be good to discuss the status of the search with everyone at once.

She said she wanted to know how the council thought things were going with the Chief and Clerk Chapman running the city and to keep everyone in the loop.

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte said the communication in general has been outstanding over the last two weeks. He said Chief Robinson did outstanding as city manager and he is working on a Community Development Block Grant and things are moving along with no reduction

of services.

"I agree with Jesse," said Councilman Voigt.

"I wanted to make sure the chief is OK," Mayor Conley said.

"I have great people here supporting me," Chief Robinson said. "Verna helps me and we're streamlining things."

"I sat in with her and our banker from Chase and was impressed with her knowledge," Chief Robinson said, noting very positive things are happening.

And, he said, Rutherford was phenomenal in the meeting earlier that day with the county economic development team. He found every community is entitled to \$20,000 in Wayne County and this can go towards an ordinance officer and a federal CDBG grant can fund the rest.

"And, there's a good chance to get a grant for the demolition of the building next door," he said. "The county handles everything, including environmental and contractors they use."

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Mike Foley sells Frosty Boy in Belleville after 32 years

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Mike Foley said he liked to hire 14 year olds to work at Frosty Boy. It takes a long time to train them to make ice creams look pretty and not to rush if there is a line.

He would hire four every year and they would stay with him for the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. He said he would have their parents or guardians come in for an orientation, where he would



Mike Foley locks the door to Frosty Boy on Main Street for the last time after 32 years of bringing tasty ice cream treats to the Belleville community. Frosty Boy has been purchased by Ryan Taylor of State Farm Insurance, just a few blocks away on Main Street. Taylor is upgrading the interior of the building before reopening the Frosty Boy he had enjoyed since he was two years old.

go over the rules.

Then, on a Saturday afternoon, I would sit at a table with them and watch people getting out of their cars and coming into the shop. He would ask them what they saw.

There were families, grandmas, moms and dads, sons and daughters and 99.9% of the customers were happy.

"They were very, very happy to be there," Foley said to the trainees. "Don't mess that up."

That's what he's going to miss -- the happy customers -- he said on Friday as he sat down with the Independent after selling the shop he had owned and loved for 32 years.

He said while other business owners in town would talk about grumpy customers, but the Frosty Boy customers were always happy.

"We never had a bad day," he said.

Foley, who will turn 66 on April 24, grew up in Garden City and graduated from Garden City West High School. He said he was a troubled teen and got into a lot of trouble until about 1984 when he was working as a crane operator and the owner of Hercules Steel noticed his work and offered him three times what he was making to come work for him.

He worked there until 1988 and saved his money. He married Shirley in 1988 and they tried to buy Frosty Boy in 1988 but was outbid by Kurt Williams. Williams tried to run it as an absentee owner and that didn't work out. It became a teenage hangout that scared off families.

Foley said 15-20 teens would park and stand around their cars with loud music blaring and one or two of them with cones. He said it was great for the teens to have a place to go, but very bad for business.

Williams would call the police, but refused to sign a complaint. Williams called Foley after eight months and Foley became the new owner.

Foley told police he would sign complaints for loitering, every time.

"I would stand outside with my broom and dustpan and tell the teens it was over. They couldn't hang out here any more," Foley recalls. "In the '80s and '90s I was the bad guy. But families started feeling safe," he said.

Foley said he owned Frosty Boy for 32 years. Before him the owners, besides Williams, were Ruby and Mike Foster for about 10 years, Darryl Raymond, and Ball's Dairy, with that one maybe being the original.

Foley said he doesn't have documentation on the owners, but there were maybe five total and he was the longest. He said senior citizens would come in and tell him stories

of when they used to work there and they had wooden drawers for the money, instead of a cash register. He said he pulled down the wooden drawers from their storage space and asked them if these were the drawers.

The seniors recalled having to write down the sales on paper.

The new owner of Frosty Boy is Ryan Taylor, who is the State Farm Insurance agent two blocks down Main Street. Foley said he got another offer that was more for the shop, but Taylor was so enthusiastic and talked about all the years he had been coming to Frosty Boy, that Foley sold the property to him.

Foley said after he opened the shop he wanted to give back to the community and so he began sponsoring Little League teams. He said one year he sponsored 12 teams, including four from Pro Card II, a baseball card shop he and a friend owned nextdoor to Frosty Boy.

He said they had the original Pro Card in Westland, Pro Card II in Belleville, and The Old Ballpark in Canton. He said the shop flourished in 1989 through 1993 in Belleville, longer in Westland, and a shorter time in Canton. He said the interest in baseball cards dropped and that was the end of those businesses.

He said in 1989, they kept Frosty Boy open until 5 p.m. Thanksgiving eve and reopened it in January, with a heater in the lobby. They made hamburgers from the fresh ground round and they were favorites with those at the hardware store, Mr. Muffler, and Andrew's Pharmacy, who would order six at a time.

Foley said he and his wife bought Frosty Boy on April 1, 1989 and ran the place for the first nine years. They would go to the shop at 8:30 or 9 a.m. and get a shopping list. They went to Meijer every day because they needed lettuce, bananas, and fresh ground round beef for the hamburgers.

In August 1997, Shirley died at the age of 36, just 14 weeks after being diagnosed with cancer. He said they had a son aged 6 and a daughter 12.

"I took a whole year off in 1998," he said, noting his youngest brother Dennis ran the shop for him with his brother Jim.

Foley said Shirley had been a stay-at-home mom and he had these two children to raise and didn't know how to even turn on the washing machine.

He said he and his children got involved in Arbor Hospice in a group called Starting Over for children who lost a parent under the age of 45. Foley became a facilitator and one year raised \$8,000 at Frosty Boy for the group.

He said he began relying on managers and no longer was there 24/7. He said

employees he had trained, who were then in their 20s, did a great job. Foley was busy raising his young children. He said his daughter became a troubled teen and at the age of 17 moved into her grandmother's house. Mikey started working at the shop at age 12 and then would help in the summer when he was home from college.

His son helped out when his dad got ill, but he had no interest in quitting his job to run Frosty Boy.

Foley said when his mother passed in 1990, he began delivering Meals on Wheels in her memory and he would also drive September Days seniors for their lunch and theater trips. He did that until 1997, when Shirley got ill. He said his brother Jimmy started when he did and Jimmy is still there.

Foley recalled his days on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, and Central Business Community.

There was a big uprising of merchants when the city wanted to shut down Main Street completely for a year so it could be rebuilt. He said they said customers could get to stores through the alleys, but some were landlocked, like Frosty Boy.

After the smoke cleared, Main Street was redone one side at a time and it took much longer than a year. It took four years. He said for 19 straight years Frosty Boy had increased in business by 10% or more a year. During the four years of the street construction, he lost 40% of his business. When it was all over, the business again started to build up.

He also had run-ins with the Chamber over closing down the street in front of his shop during Strawberry Festival, which usually was his top weekend of the year.

In August 2019, Foley began losing weight and had stomach problem. He went to the emergency room and was diagnosed with rectal cancer. He had treatment, had a port installed and received chemotherapy and radiation. In April 2020 the tumor was reduced enough to operate.

The surgery was 11 hours long and, "I almost died," he said. He spent 45 days in the hospital. The family pitched in to run Frosty Boy and then closed because of coronavirus.

In June, a PET scan found one relatively small spot in each lung and one in a lymph node. He said the doctors said it couldn't be cured, but they could work to maintain his health.

He started another round of chemotherapy last Thursday.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

This is national Sunshine Week

Sunshine Week is March 14-20. The week has been celebrated each spring since 2005 when it was started by the American Society of News Editors, now the News Leaders Association.

It is an ongoing program to promote local government. We faithfully attend many meetings in the tri-community to give our readers information on what is going on in their neighborhoods. What will affect their pocketbooks. What will change the landscape in their area.

Some municipalities in the state, including Sumpter Township, are publishing their legal notices in on-line publications, instead of in a newspaper of general circulation where people without computers can see them.

Many people in Sumpter do not use computers and they tell us the only way they know what is going on in their township is to read our reports in the *Independent*.

For several years the state legislature has been considering a change in the law to allow municipalities to publish their legal notices on their web pages, but so far it has not changed the law.

Van Buren Township is so good at posting information that anyone reading its newspaper of record (the *Independent*) is sure to know what's happening in their neighborhood. VBT posts its legal notices precisely and with great care.

Belleville has not been publishing its minutes for about six months, since the new clerk came. She said she thinks we do such a good job, it would be repetitive.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Friday, Debbie McWilliams sent over several pictures of Adriene DeBacker, BHS Class of 1944. She said she had gone over to the high school and checked the class composites hanging on the wall in the hallway and found Adriene.

I immediately sent them on to my brother Tony in Florida to give to Adriene's son. It's a long story that I reported in excruciating detail last week and a lot of people participated in this search for a picture of Adriene. We thank them all – and especially Debbie for going back to BHS to search again.

We received an email saying that a 1944 graduate in Belleville said there was no yearbook for 1944 because of the war. The U.S. entered World War II in 1941 and that's why the library's yearbooks are so few for the '40s, our reader explained.

We received a phone call from a teacher who said we should have labeled Wayde Hoppe's article on page 10 of the March 11 edition as "opinion." She said he has no education credentials and maybe no transgender children, so he cannot speak with authority and his words should be labeled opinion.

We agreed it was his opinion and we offered her the chance to give her opinion if she liked and we could print it. She said, as a teacher, she has no freedom of speech.

When we disagreed, saying the Constitution gives us all freedom of speech. She said teachers have no freedom of speech because if they say what they think it would be considered indoctrination and she would be punished by her superiors.

We agreed to say Hoppe's article was his



"opinion."

A reader in Van Buren Township called on Monday to report a scam telephone call he got saying his Social Security number had been compromised. He said the call started out with a woman not identifying herself and just announcing that his Social Security number had been compromised. She urged him to push #1 on his phone, which he did.

He said a man speaking very broken English asked him for his name. He said he told him he knew it was a scam and that he was going to call the Social Security office. The man insisted it wasn't a scam, but our reader hung up.

He said there are senior citizens in VBT and Belleville that might be scared into giving the callers money or information and so he wanted to share it with our readers to warn them.

Some seniors have told me they have read of the local scams in this column and so when somebody calls them, they think twice about whether it could be a scam.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council via Zoom, Mike Kole of the Chamber of Commerce was explaining details of the proposed June 25-27 Belleville Lake Fest. He said its logo is made up of the colors on the logos of Van Buren Township, Belleville, and Sumpter Township because it is for the whole 48111

community.

He received lots of compliments on the logo from the city council, with Mayor Kerreen Conley saying: "It looks great."

Kole spent an hour talking to the council. One proposal he had was for the city to give Lake Fest free police and fire coverage to help the project get started its first year.

He also suggested breaking up the festival into separate venues to get around what the state might be requiring for the number of people gathered because of the pandemic. He suggested making the car show a separate event from the art show next door. And, the big concert they just added to the final day of the festival was actually after the festival ended, so it should be a separate venue. The council was very skeptical on the venue separation idea, but agreed the concert could be separate.

Kole did say the different events, including the concert, were all on the same insurance policy.

The council members present showed enthusiastic support for the festival, but they all agreed that whatever rules the state has at the time may end up cancelling the whole event. The council will vote on the festival details at its April 5 meeting.



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Letters

Appreciation to Wayne Hoppe for explanation

To the editor:

Please let me express my appreciation to Wayne Hoppe who explained in great detail the consequences we American citizens will experience IF and WHEN our United States Senate votes "YES" in favor of the upcoming tragic bill entitled: The Equality Act.

I am thankful too our tri-community is being kept alert and well-informed on issues that are so vitally important, because we citizens are being constantly challenged day by day, through and by means of the "cancel culture," we must be alert and most importantly, become involved, stand-up for Democracy as we know it!

All actions have consequences; NON-action has dangerous consequences!

To all parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents: I firmly believe that our children, from early elementary into college and beyond, need and rightly deserve our UN-divided attention to the dangers our politicians are attempting to force upon us. We now have the "cancel culture" which under the guise of "gender disparity," is attempting to cancel and destroy this generation's favorite toys, games, and stories i.e. Mr. Potato Head, Dr. Seuss, etc. I suspect "cancel culture's" next move will be the story of "CinderFELLA" or even Jac(quiline) & The Beanstalk!

For some time now, our politicians have fought hard to change the gender I.D. on public school bathrooms where both boys and girls can enter and use bathrooms, showers, etc. without having to identify themselves or their gender. Especially troubling is the fact that if and when this so-called "Equality Act" is adopted, boys who want to identify themselves as girls will be allowed to enter and qualify in female sports events, originally geared to a girl's female physical being and abilities.

Parents, consider this: Your daughter (granddaughter) has worked hard, earning qualifying grades, while perfecting a certain, favorite sporting activity throughout her entire school years, perhaps even anticipating a college scholarship. Now then, if and when the politicians vote "Yes" on the "Equality Act," our young female athletes' - your girl's -- chances of victory versus a boy's chances (male strengths and physical capabilities) will be killed, or most likely, greatly hampered.

Do we need to be reminded how and why God created both male and female, identifying each as such? Anything otherwise -- such as an "Equality Act" -- is both sinful and evil!

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
City of Belleville
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Do not cancel my past and stop blaming others

To the editor:

I had a conversation last night and into this morning about racist Seuss.

EVERYONE! If you want to teach your children or if you want to believe and live your life in a non-white, non-black, non-discrimination, non-police, non-history, non-rules, non-rainy days, non-sadness world, be my guest.

Bubble wrap the pointy edge of your furniture, build a two-foot radius around your house and don't let the evil seep in. Everyone gets a ninth-place ribbon. Go for it! Plus, don't let your kids or family go by ol' Uncle Jeff at a gathering as for sure he'll say something provocative!

I would rather teach, explain, show and preserve our past than make it all BS rosy. It seems so much easier to be the "adult" now if those "bad" things are gone. You don't have to be an authoritative figure and hurt people's feelings if things are torn down and banned. You don't have to be that bad person that hurts the kids' or others' precious feelings.

If the evil is gone, then nothing needs to be explained. You get it pretty easy. The issue in our history is our history. We would not be here today without it. Good and bad.

I can see this news headline next week: War hero's statue taken down and replaced by the president of Hasbro who introduced the gender-neutral potato. There was a ribbon cutting scheduled at 3, but it was banned because of the sharp scissors.

I would rather say: See that statue of that general on a horse? He helped shape the way the country is today. He also did bad things, but we learned. I would like to say: This book was written by a great person. They designed a chemical that helps us today, but they also did some bad things. But we learned.

PLEASE, do not cancel my past because you don't have a way to make it a teachable learning experience. Stop blaming others. Learn, teach, move on.

Thank you.

Jeff Kotlarek
Romulus

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The Belleville Area District Library has been selected as one of four finalists for the Digital Michigan Newspaper grant through the Clarke Historical Library of Central Michigan University. The grant would cover the costs to scan and host online back issues the library currently possesses on microfilm: papers from 1995 through 2019. To win the grant the community needs to vote. Michigan picture postcard votes with the Belleville-Area Independent name on it must be sent no later than March 21 to Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant 48859. Postcards are available at the library. Twitter voting takes place March 22-28 using the hashtag #DigBelleville. See the library website and Facebook page for more information.

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More Letters

Thank you for COVID shot information

To the editor:

I would like to thank you for the information you provided in the paper regarding the COVID 19 vaccine. I had my husband on every list you could think of and had not heard anything.

When I read the article, I immediately went on line and registered both of us. We received a phone call the same day indicating our appointment at Wayne County Community College in Taylor would be at 11 on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. We arrived by 10:30 as we were asked to arrive 15 minutes ahead of time. I had already filled out the paperwork as requested. The people working the event were cheerful and efficient. From the time we went in to register until the time we left was less than a half-hour. The longest time waiting was the 15 minutes afterward as required.

I cannot thank you enough for putting the information in the paper.

Sincerely,
Ruth Bankhead
Van Buren Township resident

Editor's Note: The information provided was in a news release from Van Buren Township and we thank them for that.

There are people who care about others

To the editor:

There is some good news despite the pandemic situation. Many people have been affected by the shutdown of businesses, laid-off employees, and the loss of many lives. Just recently two ladies decided to do something with their knitting and sewing skills. They contacted an adoption center and saw a young man who pulled at their heart strings. So these ladies contacted the adoption center and asked if it were okay to send this young man a gift. The center proudly said yes. The two ladies made a MSU blanket and a pair of mittens of green and white. The gift was delivered and thanks to channel 7 Alicia Smith for picking up the story.

This shows concern for others and lets you know that there are people who care despite situations that are happening in a destructive manner. So if you have time and can sew, knit or crochet, your gifts may be just the thing to brighten someone's day.

Now go and have a great day by helping someone with a card or a phone call.

Marian Caldwell
Ypsilanti

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Tuesday, March 23** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries

into the vehicle of anyone in need.

• **Tuesday, March 23** – Forgotten Harvest Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Sponsored by Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and hosted by Romulus Community School District. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

• **Thursday, March 25** – Red Cross

Blood Drive from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd.

• **Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11** – Girl Scout Cookies will be sold at the Fourth Street Square or Victory Park from noon to 6 p.m.

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Obituaries



Clarita Pacla Pajarillo Po

CLARITA PACLA PAJARILLO PO
(March 28, 1940 – March 14, 2021)

Clarita Pacla Pajarillo Po, age 80, of Sumpter Township died March 14, 2021 at Beaumont Hospital in Wayne.

She was born March 28, 1940 in the Philippines and her father joined the U.S. Army and fought the Japanese. He was killed in battle. She became a registered nurse and worked for a year in the Philippines and then went to Holland. In her seven years of work as a nurse in Holland she became close friends with Princess Margaret and the princess would invite Clarita to her apartment and take her to the opera. When Clarita wished to come to the United States, Margaret helped her get to America. Clarita was a nurse for 34 years and estimated she took care of more than 6,000 patients during that time. She spent six years at I-94 Service Drive Nursing Home (now Cedar Woods), and then worked as a nurse at Peoples Community Hospital on Main Street in Belleville. When that hospital closed, she worked at Oakwood Hospital before retiring.

She married Nelson Po at Belleville City Hall in 1980 and he survives her. She also is survived by two sisters in the Philippines.

Viewing will begin at 11 a.m., with Services at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Father John Kiselica of St. Anthony Catholic Church will officiate. Due to COVID-19, face coverings are required and there is a maximum of 25 people in the building at one time.

Her cremains will be interred at the Po family cemetery in the Philippines.



Kenneth David George

KENNETH DAVID GEORGE
(November 29, 1971 – March 12, 2021)

Kenneth David George, age 49, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away suddenly, Friday, March 12, 2021. He was born November 29, 1971 in St. Louis, Missouri, son of David Lee and Connie June (Taylor) George. He enjoyed playing basketball and hockey and was on Van Buren Little League for many years. He loved sports and was a hard worker.

Ken is survived by his mother Connie Taylor of Belleville, MI; two brothers Michael George of Garden City, MI and Keith (Dorothy) George of Levering, MI; two sisters Deborah (Carter) Bentley of Belleville, MI and Kelly Doyle of Gaylord, MI; numerous nieces and nephews including like-a-sister Tara McDonald of Westland, MI; also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, and his beloved dog -- Noise! He was preceded in death by his father David L. George and step-father Richard Connolly.

Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue.

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ERNIE R. MARTIN

Ernie R. Martin, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2021. Beloved father of Lisa, Michele and Julie and families. Beloved brother of Aurora Martin. Preceded in death by his parents, Olympio and Pazienta Martin, brothers Lawrence and Bruno. He will be missed by many close friends and family. Cremation to take place and will rest at Michigan Memorial Cemetery. Celebration of Life to take place at a later time.

Correction: It was Herbert Harris who came to VBT with Rose

A member of the extended Harris family called on Monday on another matter, but then mentioned we had an error in the Harris Park story in the March 11 edition.

He said it was Herbert Harris and his wife Rose who moved into a house on Belleville Road in 1900. Our story said his name was George.

We checked "Water Under the Bridge" history book for this area and found it was indeed Herbert Harris. The name of George came from the Black History Month report on Harris Park by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority. And, on checking with them, they do agree the name should be Herbert. We all regret the error.

We had another error in the Feb. 11 edition. We inadvertently referred to Sumpter Township Supervisor Bowman with the wrong first name. Supervisor Bowman's first name is Tim. We apologize for the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

COVID-19 death total in 48111 remains at 60, positive tests up to 2,295

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 60 over the week ending Monday, March 15.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 2,295 on Monday, March 15, up from 2,224 the previous Monday, March 8.

On Monday, March 15, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,504 positive cases, 32 deaths; City of Belleville, 389 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 402 positive cases, 7 deaths.

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Belleville approves police body cameras, new in-car video systems

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

“One lawsuit could devastate our city,” said Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson at Monday’s regular meeting of the city council via Zoom.

He explained that with the current police department technology the city would have no ability to prove accusations against an officer didn’t occur.

Chief Robinson, who is also serving as interim city manager, said he had been working for nine months on a recommendation to secure body cameras for police officers as well as an updated in-car video system, both to protect the officers and public.

“I learned a lot more about this than I ever thought I’d learn,” said Chief Robinson. “The biggest thing is our risk mitigation and officer safety.” He said the department just got new vests.

“Our in-car video is obsolete,” he said, adding the transmitters on the officers’ bodies do not give a true result which would be harmful to the department if a serious incident happened in Belleville.

He presented the full amount for both the body cams and the in-car videos of \$68,316.40, which could be broken down into payments of \$13,663.28 annually over five years. He said Kelly Howey, the city’s financial officer from Plante Moran, said it would be better to pay it all at once.

Chief Robinson said he got a \$14,417.50 grant for this last August from MMRMA [Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority] and he will resubmit the application for the full amount now that he has the figure. He has reason to believe MMRMA could fund the whole project.

He said the agreement with Axon has each officer being assigned a body camera which would record 12 hours of input. He said the cameras are automatically replaced in 2.5 years to take advantage of updated technology. If one is lost or run over, it is replaced for free, he said. There are in-car computers that read a license plate number on its own so an officer doesn’t have to punch in the license plate number.

“People act differently when they are on camera,” he said.

He reported cloud storage has drastically dropped in price.

“I think this is a vital system,” Chief Robinson said, noting when he came in as chief last year it was one month before the

budget was due and he could barely find his office.

The council voted unanimously to approve the purchase and to pay it based on a recommendation from Howey. Chief Robinson said Howey had told him “one and done” is the best way, but it wouldn’t be a problem because it is the same amount either way.

He said he will save 10% if he signs by March 31.

In other business at Monday’s two-hour meeting, the council:

- Approved allowing senior banners to be hung from city light poles again this year. Councilman Ken Voigt said last year they hung the banners with pictures of Belleville High School seniors and it was wildly popular. Parents of 2021 seniors have requested they do it again and the BYC again is sponsoring it. Councilman Voigt said they have volunteers lined up to install them. He said the banners will be up from May until the end of July;

- Heard an hour-long presentation from Mike Kole of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on an application he filled out for the Belleville Lake Fest June 25-27. He said the dates were approved by the council in October. He said not one paid individual is involved in the project and 30 people have volunteered to take part, along with organizations, from Keystone Academy to Van Buren Township. He said the goal is to bring a community-spirited event to the entire 48111 area where nonprofits can earn funds for their work. He said they are proposing a large, closing concert on Sunday, to be located on High Street from Main to the Veterans Memorial. They expect 2,500 attendees and Chief Robinson said he would have to study the area to consider policing such an event. Kole said the entire event could be cancelled due to COVID restrictions and all the vendors have COVID language in their contracts. Kole suggested breaking up the festival events into venues to better handle restrictions and the council was skeptical of that. The festival will be on the agenda of the April 5 meeting for a vote;

- Witnessed the swearing in of new police officer Michael Papin, who recently retired from the Van Buren Township Police Department. Councilman Voigt, a retired city police officer, said he had worked with Officer Papin in the past and he is “top-notch” and knows the territory;

- Heard Mayor Conley announce the

federal relief package includes \$384,000 allocated to Belleville. She said it cannot be used for pensions or medical liabilities, but maybe could be used for roads, with a water/sewer opportunity coming as well; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$120,908.15 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Superior Auto, emergency repair for #456 fire truck, \$1,042.79; and to Mueller,

water equipment, \$1,395.94.

Before the regular meeting on Monday, the council held a half-hour, Zoom study session on the fire department, in preparation for the upcoming budget sessions. Fire Chief Brian Loranger explained the workings of the fire department and its needs and answered questions.

Councilman Tom Fielder was absent from both Monday meetings.

School Board honors students for Music in our Schools Month

The following students were honored by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at its March 8 Zoom meeting to mark Music in our School Month.

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Tyler:

Jordyn Mason, Payton Kelly, Hermione Henry, Kendall Charles

Edgemont:

Hailey Carroll, Esrael Murphy-Burroughs, Grace Lebron, Landon Kandler, Barbod Aghilidehkordi, Jackson Pruchnik

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Bike repair station

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The Belleville Area Library installed this Fix-It station for bicycles near the library's bike rack and slightly over on the museum property. "We received permission to spill over a tiny bit onto museum property," said Library Director Mary Jo Suchy. "We are still working on donor signage, but the bike repair station is in memory of Ethan O'Neil." She said Ethan used to ride his bike to the library all the time.

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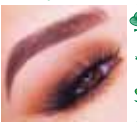
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VBT Planners hear proposal for overlay district on Sumpter Rd.

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"A lot of businesses could be moving because of changes that the city of Belleville has made over the last year," Director Matthew Best told the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at the end of its March 10 Zoom meeting.

"We could give them a place to go locally," said Best, director of the VBT public services department.

He said the township is at a crossroads because of COVID, the internet, changes in local zoning, and changes in VBT around the city of Belleville.

Best said VBT has a very strong retail corridor north of I-94 and its difficult to site new retail businesses because of Amazon. People can get on the phone or computer and get almost anything they want delivered.

He said businesses that are being displaced in Belleville by the marijuana industry could find a home in VBT, including plumbers, electricians, and "widget" makers. He said there is a strong demand for service makers and more eating establishments, but not fast food.

Best asked how the township can build on the economic development in the city of Belleville, adding the township staff has been looking at it.

He said south of the city of Belleville, Sumpter Road south of Hull is clearly agricultural all the way to Sumpter Township. He said there is a lot of call for super light industrial corridor, which would be a nice business in front and behind that could be truck parking.

He said a mixed-use overlay district could also allow agriculture to continue.

"Is this something you'd like to pursue further?" he asked the commission.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said more restaurants, not fast food, would be good, but she's not sure what light industrial means exactly. She asked if they would be working with the city of Belleville?

"We would work to put an overlay district in the South Side Master Plan ... and would have to work with Belleville," Best replied.

"What is light-light industrial? And, widgets?" she asked.

Best said Ahearn Signs is an example with delivery trucks in back. They could have products to sell out front. Or, he said, it could be a plumbing company to sell things out front and park service trucks in back inside. That is super-light industrial,

he said.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said a catering company would be an example, with them selling food in front and making food in back.

"We could create the district and I only hope they will come and flourish," Atchinson said.

Director Power said it is time to take a look at the 2007 Master Plan for the south side and because of changes in the city of Belleville, Director Best has the idea of changing primary land use. He said they wanted the commission's input before they moved forward.

"This is not to say we want to change any of the rural area," Best said. "If growth is coming, we want to be ready ... We want to make sure we have rules in place before anyone comes in and forces our hand."

"I like the idea," Atchinson said. "I prefer to attract light, lighter industrial."

Best said the township has an industrial area in the north end and there is room for more growth there.

He said the rural feel of the south side is more suburban.

He asked if the commission would like them to pursue this avenue and Atchinson said yes.

"It could benefit the township and city as well," said Treasurer Sharry Budd. Commissioners Jeff Jahr, Bryon Kelley, Joan Franzoi, and Brian Cullin agreed, but chairwoman Carol Thompson chided Best.

"You caught us off guard," said Chairwoman Thompson. "We like information and drawings."

"If this was something you wouldn't want us to do we wouldn't do that work," Best said. "We will bring details in the future."

In other business at the one-hour-and-31-minute March 10 Zoom meeting, the commission:

- Discussed the proposed text amendments that would revise the definitions of lot coverage and regulations related to lot

coverage in the zoning ordinance. The amendment is scheduled for a public hearing at the March 24 meeting;

- Set a public hearing for April 14 on proposed amendments for the senior housing development zoning ordinance

VBT LDFA in talks with Grace Lake proposing possible condos there

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Marketing Committee of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority is in talks with Sovereign Partners, owners of Grace Lake Corporate Center, about possible residential development at the center.

At the March 9 Zoom meeting of the LDFA, Executive Assistant Dan Selman reported that following a discussion at the January meeting, the committee reached out and had a good conversation with Sovereign Partners and "They are open to residential, but it has to be high-quality."

In another subcommittee meeting in mid February, they talked about collaboration and what is best suited to that site.

"I reached out to Grace Lake for any research" on use of the property, but got nothing from JLL or Aerotropolis, Selman said.

He said he didn't know how relative old studies would be in this day and age.

He said they do have another meeting scheduled with Sovereign Partners.

"This is the start of the project," said LDFA chairman Michael Dotson. "The ball has started to move and we have to keep that ball moving."

"Is Sovereign Partners more property manager than developer?" asked LDFA member Doug Peters.

Dotson said they are looking for a return on their investment. He said it is positive.

Peters asked if they have offered money for a marketing study and he was told they have not.

"We're the movers?" Peters asked and Dotson replied, "We're going to be the squeaky wheel. It'll make money for them."

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said

concerning minimum usable floor area and signage; and

- Heard Power say for the immediate future he assumes they will have virtual meetings. He said he would let the commission know if it is different.

they had a plan to move forward, "and the world blew up."

Peters asked if there was any other type of development suitable other than office-technology. He said the office business is not a good business.

Supervisor McNamara said Sovereign Partners and VBT would be open to working together on residential that wouldn't compromise the quality of their construction.

Peters asked if they would change the zoning to residential and McNamara said they could.

"If you're going to change the rules and move the goalposts, be honest about it," said John Delaney.

"I am honest," McNamara said. "Sovereign Partners and VBT are willing to look at anything as long as it didn't impair the quality of Grace Lake ... Documents can be set aside by the planning commission, board of zoning appeals and the Van Buren Township board."

"The world has changed and how we look at it," Peters said.

"I'm a stickler for the rules, but we can change the rules," Delaney said.

Matt Best, director of public services, said there is more than three million square feet of warehouse space in the Haggerty corridor and Wayne County Community College has area for expansion.

Best said they have been marketing the vacant property within the LDFA district to several businesses and Aerotropolis has been marketing it, too.

"It depends on who you talk to and a lot of luck. A lot of luck," Best said.

"Is there any interest in residential?" Peters asked.

Best said there wasn't.

"We're the right size for multi-family and

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condos,” Best said.

“3,500 feet from a landfill?” Delaney asked. “You’d buy a condo 3,500 feet from a landfill? Come on.”

Best said VBT has the lowest tax rates, lowest water rates, freeways, airports ... all the right things.

“That’s what economic development is all about,” he said. “Depends on what Partners wants to do. It’s a great location. They already have a permit to build another building.”

“You’re sayin to sit tight ... until you have something that looks like office space?” Peters asked.

“We’ve done the heavy lifting,” Best said. “As COVID leaves... if the taxes stay low... You can’t just put out a pamphlet and hope to attract developers.”

“I think we probably should move on,” Peters said.

Dotson said there has been a lot of activity around electric vehicles.

Best said the Center for Mobility is located at Willow Run Airport and Michigan Avenue is going to be a testing route between Ann Arbor and Detroit. The locations along Ecorse are being looked at for manufacture of electric vehicles, Best said.

“As electric cars become more and more the reality, I see headquarters being set up along that stretch,” Best said.

Dotson said he was glad Best had his fingers on the pulse of autonomous and electric vehicles.

Delaney asked if Grace Lake is still without vacancies and LDFA member Scott Medlin

of Sovereign Partners said they are open to sublease.

Delaney said there actually is no open space without subleasing from GE and Visteon.

“They would be willing to sublease,” Medlin said.

Peters said offices are 30-40% vacant and, “We’re looking for paying tenants. With that capacity, nobody’s going to build a building,” he said.

McNamara said they do have a follow-up meeting with them and, “We will talk to them about what we can do. They are willing to do what they can to make a buck ... as long as it doesn’t degrade the quality of what they have.”

“I’d like to know the real capacity open at Grace Lake,” Peters said.

“I’ll try,” McNamara said.

“Also, I’d like to know the sublease rate,” Peters said. “We can get it through the law suit.”

“Haven’t got it yet in the lawsuit,” McNamara said.

Selman then presented the Informational Meeting / 2020 LDFA Synopsis of Activities as required by Public Act 57. Selman went over the key points of LDFA and there were no questions from the audience.

Delaney asked if people can see past LDFA minutes and Selman said the township’s new website has the LDFA minutes and this synopsis will also be posted.

Delaney said old-timers don’t do computers and McNamara said they have a zoom wall at township hall with information.

Dotson commended McNamara’s staff for getting out the information to the public.

“I’ve got good people,” McNamara said.

Keystone board, PTO announce scholarships for academy graduates

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

High school seniors who graduated from the eighth grade at Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township are invited to apply for two, \$1,000 scholarships to a post-high school educational institution.

At the March 11 Keystone board meeting, it was decided that the scholarship should be offered to seniors no matter where they are graduating, as long as they completed eighth grade at Keystone and were a student for at least two years.

Deadline for application for the scholarships offered by Keystone Academy and the Parent Teacher Organization is April 16. The application is partially based on a one- to two-page essay on perseverance and the writer’s strengths that helped get them through high school. The application form also calls for a Grade Point Average, school counselor’s name, and student’s address and phone number.

Also the applicant should list extra-curricular activities and school and community services the applicant was involved in at Keystone and the current high school or home school.

Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain said most of Keystone’s students live in the Belleville or Lincoln high school areas and when they graduate from Keystone the students usually return to their home district for high school. Information has been sent to those schools for posting. They also plan to alert Keystone graduates at Huron High School, Arbor Prep, Canton Prep, Summit Academy, Airport High School, Milan High School, and other schools. The deadline for the other schools is May 21.

For more information go to keystoneacademyppto@gmail.com or the Keystone PTO facebook page.

The winning applicants will be invited to this year’s eighth-grade graduation ceremony where they will be given a certificate to be redeemed once the student is enrolled at a post-high school educational institution.

In other business at the in-person board meeting (with one attendee via Zoom), the board:

- Received the 2021-21 annual education report with Principal Drain stating, “We are making some gains.” She said they missed a whole trimester and there was no testing last spring. They were tested in the fall and will be tested in the spring and, “We can see how we’ve done.” She said according to the 2018-19 M-STEP results, Keystone outperformed the local districts as well as the State average in all subjects and grade levels for the past 12 years. Also, Keystone’s enrollment is strong and average daily attendance, at 96.6%, exceeds the State’s goal;
- Approved Keystone’s Current Delivery of Instruction Method, noting there is no change and K-8 students are being educated in person, with an option for virtual learning. This report is required by the state every 30 days;
- Approved the 2020-21 audit letter of engagement with Plante Moran for a fee of \$5,780, paid by National Heritage Academies;
- Approved spending \$100 total for two gifts to show appreciation to two office staff ladies for Administrative Professionals Week, April 19-23;
- Approved donating \$50 to help pay for a breakfast for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, which includes all 62 employees. Principal Drain said they plan to do something for the teachers every day that week and the PTO also has several treats and gifts that week for teachers. The board decided to help with breakfast and spend the extra money that would have been donated to teachers to be spent on the proposed expensive play equipment for middle school students. This will work off energy on the playground so the students will be all settled down to learn when they come back to the classroom; and
- Agreed to get the total cost of the two or three pieces of proposed outdoor middle school playground equipment before committing to the purchase.



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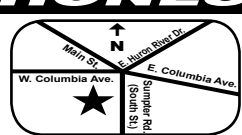
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Congratulations to the Belleville High School Girl's Bowling team for winning their league tournament title last weekend. Hats off to bowlers Sydney Allison, Katherine Dybicki, Claudia Jenkins, Ka'Lynn Savage, Shannon VanDalen, and Asia Wells. Over on the basketball court, both girls' and boys' basketball teams received first round byes in their district tournaments and will return to action next week. Go, Tigers!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New

Boston is scheduling the return of events and fundraisers, starting with flea markets, with proceeds going to the church's Ladies Aid project. Two market weekends are set starting with April 29-May 1 followed by May 6-8, on the church grounds. Social distancing and masks will be required. Donations will be accepted beginning April 9 and can be dropped off during church office hours, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items not acceptable include clothing, pillows, mattresses, stuffed animals, exercise equipment, large appliances, blinds, typewriters, computers, parts, and anything perishable. Furniture, indoor and outdoor, is welcome. Call Pat Schiller at (734) 753-9158 or Roy Szyndlar at (734) 231-5467. Home pick-ups can also be scheduled.

With social guidelines in place, the Yankee Air Museum is selling tickets to "Bombers, Berries, and Brews" scheduled for Saturday, April 17, from 2 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. at the museum at Willow Run Airport. A limited number of beer and wine tickets are available for each session. Tickets are \$39 if bought in advance and \$50 at the door. Price includes 10 tasting tickets with additional tickets available on

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, March 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On March 31st, 2021, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2013	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3CCBAB7DN559543	19-17285
2008	JEEP	4D	1J8HR58N38C234951	20-16585
1999	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCEK19T0XE255733	21-730
2007	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDT13S072113142	21-1224
2007	MAZDA	SW	JM1CR293570142754	21-1390
1999	FORD	VA	1FDWE37L5XHB67037	21-1129

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1995	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCS14Z7SK111965	20-11819
2006	FORD	SW	1FMPU16536LA09953	20-16604
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WD58C681267209	20-16669
2003	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDS13S032406066	20-16798
1999	FORD	PU	1FTNW21F6XEF09798	21-110
2008	SUBARU	SW	4S4BP86C484319602	21-28
1991	BMW	4D	WBAHD6317MBJ67929	21-72
2008	HONDA	4D	1HGCP26808A048283	21-377
2008	SATURN	4D	1G8ZS57N18F111935	21-1223
2007	SAAB	4D	YS3FD49Y871110421	21-1231
2007	NISSAN	4D	3N1AB61E37L615332	21-1397
1999	FORD	4D	1FAFP65Z8XK175441	21-1397
2002	FORD	4D	1FMZU72E12UA80249	21-1416
1998	BUICK	4D	1G4HP52KXWH525843	20-1530
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZU54854F236678	21-1633
2010	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN5AW119007	21-1581
2002	TOYOTA	SW	4T3ZF19C92U452228	21-1702
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX54K2Y4152491	20-14189
2006	KIA	4D	KNAFE121765359197	20-14066

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRENCH LANDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS

VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for construction of the French Landing Park Improvements at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, March 31, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade (MITN) website: www.bidnetdirect.com. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "FRENCH LANDING PARK IMPROVEMENTS" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2021. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Township offices on March 17, 2021 at 10:00am in the Township Board Room. The bidding contractors will be able to visit the project site following the conference.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Russell Design, Inc. 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2A Northville, Michigan 48167. (248) 374-3222.

Sumpter board takes steps to hire second ordinance officer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At an almost three-hour combined workshop/regular meeting on March 9, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted to hire a second ordinance officer with a base pay of \$49,566 plus benefits.

The posting for the job will be at once and the candidates will be interviewed by a hiring committee made up of Supervisor Tim Bowman, Trustee Donald LaPorte, Public Safety Director Eric Luke, Det/Sgt. John Toth, and Financial Director/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole.

The hiring will not take place until after the beginning of the new fiscal year on April 1.

Supervisor Bowman said he is out and around the township every day and, "As bad as it is... I see it every day."

He said if the township cleaned up the blight in five to ten years, it would need this second full-time person to keep it cleaned up.

"Peter is doing a great job, but he is

overwhelmed and needs help," Supervisor Bowman said, referring to current ordinance officer Peter Gregory.

"Our image means a lot," Supervisor Bowman said. "When I come to township hall the first and last thing I see is the worst in the township, right across the street. It looks like the backhill of Kentucky. I agree we need to clean up our own backyard and frontyard."

The backyard comment referred to the cleanup of tires in the recycling yard behind township hall that was on that evening's agenda.

In other business at the March 9 Zoom meeting, the board:

- Approved extended leave of four years for probationary fire fighter Jacob Kosikowski who has joined the Marines as of March 14. He requested the township hold his paid-per-call position open for him while in military service;

- Approved the three-year audit proposal from PSLZ LLP for fiscal year 2021 of \$15,000, 2022 of \$15,400, and 2023 of

\$15,800;

- Approved the resignation of Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham effective March 9 with no ongoing benefits;

- Approved resuming in-person township board meeting as of April 19 and re-opening township hall to the public on April 5, in response to changes in state directives;

- Approved the updated Washtenaw County Mutual Aid Agreement for the fire department;

- Tabled for two weeks emergency hiring of ADP for Human Resources Coordinator and payroll services at an annual cost of \$55,000;

- Approved temporary payroll processing services for eight weeks at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 until ADP implementation is complete or a new plan created. Finance Director/Deputy Supervisor Cole said the unnamed person does payroll in another community and will come on her off-hours to do the township payroll;

- Tabled for two weeks the extension of

Public Safety Director Eric Luke's contract for three years, holding at the same salary and benefits as of this date, \$120,000 annually, plus 1% annual raises to match the rest of the employees getting the raises. Trustee Peggy Morgan, Treasurer Jim Clark, and Supervisor Tim Bowman said they had not seen the old contract which was not provided in their packets for the meeting so they could see how it is being changed for the new contract;

- Approved spending \$4,500 to remove the tires piled up in the recycling area and causing a fire hazard;

- Approved buying a new furnace for the police department at a cost of \$7,700;

- Heard insurance proposals from John Johnson of Nickel & Saph, Inc. and Jon Johnson of Burham & Flower Agency;

- Heard the 2021-22 budget presentation by Finance Director/Deputy Supervision of Supervisor Cole;

- Heard Trustee Tim Rush announce Parks and Recreation is scheduling a cleanup of Banotai Park on April 24 to coincide with International Earth Day. A DNR spokesperson, Butterfly Garden representative, and Republic Waste representative will be there. Time has not yet been set, but it is typically around 10 a.m., he said;

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Supervisor Johnny Vawters, Jr., who served 2004-14.

Court Watching:

Court date moved to April 5 for man charged with killing mother

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Kalin Christian Karvelis, 25, of Huron Township will have his probable cause conference on April 5 at 34th District Court to face charges for the Feb. 26 murder of his mother and attempted murder of his father in Huron Township.

Karvelis, who remains in the Wayne County Jail without bond, was due for his probable cause conference on March 10, but defense attorney Blasé Kearney of the Neighborhood Defender Service said he still needed the video from the body-worn cameras of police. He said he had the paper discovery, but it will take time to go over the video once he gets it.

Karvelis is charged with first-degree, premeditated murder, assault with intent to murder, and two counts of felony firearm.

He also is charged with fleeing a police officer/third degree on June 6, 2020.

Special Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor is William Lawrence for the homicide and Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis for the fleeing and eluding charge.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

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2004	Ford Escape	1FMYU93184KA42518
2005	Ford Escape	1FMYU92ZX5KE00033
2002	Dodge Caravan	1B4GP15B12B601979

These vehicles were towed by the Sumpter Police Department.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., Full House Self Storage at 7886 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 is holding a public auction. Unit(s) may or may not include the following: household items, recreational items, appliances, furniture, misc.

C115 & L508, Katrina Bryant; M576, Medina Tunupopo; F264, Mookie Dillard Jr.; I418, Teresa Houser; D160, Barbara Hailer; O724, Michael Riley; C128, Cheryl Lovely; F259, Emmanuel Jones; L516, N817, P756, Sunshine Inc.; D155, E215, Joyce Price; R938, Theresa McCuean; Q905, Tasha Davis; K656, Gary Croteau II; M564, John C. Johnston; R927, Marla Borders; D158, P771, Kandass Baldwin; N810, O715, S962, Terry Booth; I425, Belleville Cougars
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He said since Kobylarz left they have not been just sitting around warming the seat. They have worked harder at communication with the council individually, he said, adding the city is lucky to have a very educated council.

"We're not going to let you guys down and not let the city down," Chief Robinson said.

Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud said in the past CDBG would pay for the bumpy crossings at the street corners and it was difficult to get money for other things except for seniors. Renaud asked if they have changed.

"They have completely revamped the system ... really got their act together," Chief Robinson said. "They reached out to us and said you haven't gotten anything in the last few years..."

"Our meeting this afternoon was awesome," Rutherford said. "The next meeting was on a water pipe grant ... Let's not go there."

Rutherford said he needs to get a copy of the deed to the store so they can proceed with the paperwork. The city needs to start planning for grant opportunities for 2022 and beyond, he said.

"Before if it didn't impact a large senior population, we couldn't get it," Renaud said. "Maybe now we could get a flashing light at Columbia Court," he said, pointing out that is a dangerous crossing.

Mayor Conley asked if a public hearing on the CDBG funds is required and Rutherford said it is recommended but not required.

Mayor Conley then turned to the applications for city manager and asked the council, "Where do we go from here?" She said she put the 19 applicants in three "buckets": end of careers with salary requests of \$130,000 or more, those with municipal experience not always as city manager, and no experience in government as an employee.

"I reviewed all the resumes and three or four are worth talking to," said Councilman Voigt. "I'm not real impressed with most of them ... Don't know if it would be a waste of time to interview who has applied."

Marcotte said they need the right person and someone may look good on paper, but in person is different. He described what the city needs is a strong leader, a coach before a critic, a good communications style, able to adapt their style to the changing pace of life, someone with integrity that builds

trust, respects self and respects other ... "We can't have a team unless we have a team player."

Councilman Kelly Bates said she agreed with Voigt and Marcotte.

"We're looking for someone who's a forward-thinker," Councilwoman Bates said, recalling Chief Robinson's interview where he spelled out how to improve the police department.

Councilman Tom Fielder said a year ago, after City Manager Diana Kollmeyer retired, the city had the same issues and they were deciding between someone with experience or someone with lots of energy who wanted to do things.

"The chief's done a lot, but he has a full-time job," Councilman Fielder said.

Chief Robinson pointed out the Belleville police department is small and a lot of his officers have stepped up to help. He said he has assigned tasks and people have specialties. He said in the past there was one person as chief and the rest of the department was on that person's shoulders. Now certain people have been identified. He said each morning he reads the CLEMIS report, which takes one hour.

"They were hungry for advancement, for policies and procedures," Chief Robinson said of the police officers. He said he is writing the test for advancement to sergeant and those with the highest test scores will have the orals by May.

"From a police standpoint, we're operating on all cylinders," he said.

Fielder said it looks like they're not going to have someone in the city manager's role for some time. He asked if Chief Robinson had to be in an all-day meeting, could he leave the police department for a day?

"Yes. I have a lot of help," Chief Robinson said. "Everything has fallen into place... The main thing is city manager right now... Verna said a lot of this money

coming can be used for infrastructure ... We're on it."

"We can survive for a while, but the charter requires a city manager," Fielder said.

"Sounds like we have a new city manager," said Renaud. "Maybe we should advertise for a new police chief."

"I'm impressed with the administrative abilities of the chief," said Voigt, reminding the council he had been a city police officer and served briefly as chief. "He came in and immediately identified the two biggest problems in the department and he took care of it ... I'm in favor of having him as city manager indefinitely."

He said the city has had city managers for 42 years and there were a couple of good ones and bad ones.

"With Chief Robinson we have a real gem here ... If he was willing to be city manager and police chief and maybe have an assistant city manager to groom to take over ... Chief is the kind of administrator that Agnes Frisch was - dedicated to the community and highly competent."

"The chief does exemplify what Jesse said we needed - looking at a different structure," Mayor Conley said.

Marcotte said all this conversation has been important. He said he felt it would be wise to form a committee to explore who has applied or "another way to do this."

Before the meeting started, Mayor Conley said she had emailed Fielder and, "You don't answer." Fielder replied, "I didn't know the reason for removal. What can I say?" Fielder obviously referred to interim city manager Kobylarz, whose contract was not extended.

Sumpter Nixel alert: SE Mich. has dry conditions -- avoid outside burning

Due to dry ground conditions across Southeastern Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources has upgraded the wildfire risk for this area to "VERY HIGH," according to a Nixel alert sent out March 11 by Sumpter Police.

Sumpter residents were urged to avoid outside burning of any kind.

The Sumpter Township Fire Department had responded for mutual aid to several wildland field fires in surrounding communities over the past week and five within the township over just the past two days, the alert stated. Wildland fires usually spread very rapidly, with the potential to threaten nearby houses and other structures before fire suppression activities can begin.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 278 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 7:

0004 – assist other dept., Willow Run Airport
0110 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0203 – intrusion alarm, Michigan Ave.
0426 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0814 – civil matter, Hannan Rd.
0821 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0939 – unattended death, Riggs Rd.
1051 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1119 – breaking & entering, Ironwood Dr.
1210 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – assist other dept., NB I-275/Ecorse
1321 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service
1506 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1606 – 911 welfare check, Anna Dr.
1636 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln./Wilson
1639 – larceny, Lake Crest Dr.
1723 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
1725 – ordinance violation, Maple Dr./Birch Dr.
1725 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1731 – noise complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
1732 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1755 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1952 – welfare check, Sheldon Rd.
1957 – family trouble, Farm Rd.
2001 – mental subject, Celestine Dr.

Monday, March 8:

0107 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0124 – welfare check, S. Bellridge Dr.
0315 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0317 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0558 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd.
0722 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0735 – threat, Belleville Rd.
0929 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0945 – misc. complaint, Village Green Ln.
1020 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1121 – missing person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1143 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1148 – parking complaint, Cross St.
1156 – private property impound, N. I-94 Service
1242 – noise complaint, Harmony Ln.
1403 – welfare check, Huron River Dr.
1412 – civil matter, Winding Pond Dr.
1424 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1458 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1523 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1637 – fraud, Westlake Cir.
1707 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1833 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.
1845 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2108 – family trouble, Quirk Rd.
2124 – assist fire dept., McKinely St.
2307 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, March 9:

0320 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd./Beck
0555 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0621 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.
0834 – assist other dept., Rickman Dr.
0835 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1003 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1106 – larceny, Landmark
1106 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1105 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1237 – animal complaint, N. Timberview Dr.
1258 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd.
1420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr.
1539 – animal complaint, Hamilton Ct.
1619 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1700 – fraud, Holly Ln.
1746 – abandoned auto, Arthur St.
1928 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2014 – parking complaint, Rawsonville
2056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.
2125 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2150 – welfare check, Heatherfield Blvd.
2155 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Wednesday, March 10:

0831 – domestic, Amanda Dr.

0925 – trespassing, Parkwood Dr.
1008 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1034 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1052 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
1111 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1147 – civil matter, Bemis Rd.
1414 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1415 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1519 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
1609 – domestic, Beckley Rd.
1612 – mental subject, Berkdale Dr.
1647 – fight, Parkwood
1720 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1740 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1757 – missing person, Andover Dr.
1808 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1854 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
2051 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
2211 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, March 11:

0009 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0055 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0100 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0200 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0255 – breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.
0306 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0306 – assist other dept., Pebblebrook Dr.
0318 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0645 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
0833 – malicious destruction of property, Lancaster Dr.
0839 – private property impound, Industrial Park
0840 – traffic offense, E. I-94/N. Belleville I-94 ramp E.
1209 – personal injury accident, Morton Taylor
1244 – ordinance violation, Tyler Rd.
1358 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1446 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1546 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1810 – family trouble, Harmony Ln.
1910 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1926 – breaking & entering, Rock Creek Dr.
1939 – welfare check, Outer Dr.
2013 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2113 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2312 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2332 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2336 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.
2355 – disorderly, Vernon St.

Friday, March 12:

0012 – traffic offense, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0038 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren St.
0044 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0235 – larceny, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0309 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0856 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0925 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Kirkridge Park Dr.
0944 – animal complaint, Ventura Dr.
0954 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1022 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1054 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1149 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.
1218 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1240 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
1300 – ordinance violation, Wildbrook Dr.
1459 – ordinance violation, Brookside Dr.
1518 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1614 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1754 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows
1903 – animal complaint, Robson Rd./Moms Dr.
1920 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1929 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2027 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2053 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
2102 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2108 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
2211 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2229 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

2238 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

2310 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.

Saturday, March 13:

0014 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0015 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0110 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0128 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

0308 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0423 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0550 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1116 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
1144 – overdose, Riggs Rd.
1305 – harassment call, N. Bellridge Dr.
1324 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1523 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave./Beck Rd.
1915 – harassment call, E. Huron River Dr.
1937 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2018 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2023 – assist fire dept., E. Archwood Dr.
2128 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2348 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.

Also on this week's log are 91 traffic stops, three of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 7:

0014 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0102 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
0121 – traffic stop, South St./W. Wabash St.
0229 – traffic stop, South St./Main St.
0846 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Fifth St.
0911 – traffic stop, High St./Roys St.
1807 – disorderly, Main St.
2003 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
2330 – misc. complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, March 8:

0123 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0534 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
0809 – property damage accident, Main St.
2128 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, March 9:

0224 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty
0347 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1323 – unauthorized driving away of auto, West Columbia Ave.
1341 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1357 – family trouble, Carmell
2033 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
2143 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs
2207 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Wexford

Wednesday, March 10:

0014 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0042 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0815 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1134 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1606 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1703 – warrant arrest, Goddard Rd.
1931 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South
2052 – found property/child, Potter Dr.

Thursday, March 11:

1323 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Main St.
1411 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2115 – fraud, Bedell St.

Friday, March 12:

0017 – traffic stop, First St./Main St.
1135 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.
1218 – parking complaint, Main St./Fifth St.
1321 – abandoned auto, Belle Villa Blvd./Carmell
1408 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs Ave.
2035 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2120 – assault & battery, Main St.
2148 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Edgemont

Saturday, March 13:

0024 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
0242 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1018 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1153 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1626 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1831 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
2033 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2039 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.

There were 21 traffic stops on the dispatch log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 7:

0121 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0317 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1118 – suspicious person, Lohr Rd./Bemis Rd.
1341 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1418 – suspicious circumstances, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1545 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1836 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1853 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Monday, March 8:

0711 – traffic stop, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
0902 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1021 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1057 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
1132 – suspicious circumstances, New Mexico
1158 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1328 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1609 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Elwell

Tuesday, March 9:

0713 – alarm, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1259 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1515 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1729 – MID, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1754 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1854 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1920 – alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1941 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Karr Rd.

Wednesday, March 10:

0931 – malicious destruction of property, Hampshire Dr.

1030 – traffic complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1114 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1332 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1431 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
1541 – traffic stop, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1602 – traffic stop, Oakville Waltz/Rawsonville
1620 – noise complaint, Hampshire Dr.
1715 – fire dept. assist, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1735 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1846 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1859 – noise complaint, Wear Rd./Sherwood Rd.
2149 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2155 – shots fired, Judd Rd./Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, March 11:

0152 – open burning, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0156 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0845 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1212 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
1316 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1611 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1700 – suspicious circumstances, 40000 bl. Harris
1720 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1905 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, March 12:

1046 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1310 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Bontekoe
1336 – traffic stop, Oakville Waltz/Martinsville
1419 – wires down, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1447 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1557 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Bohn
1606 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1619 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1624 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1811 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1824 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1918 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1935 – property damage accident, Harris Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

2108 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

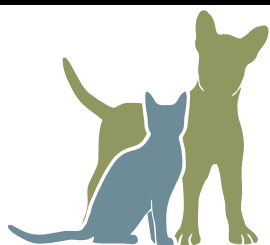
Saturday, March 13:

0804 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0927 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1125 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1155 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1305 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1358 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1432 – alarm, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1605 – fire dept. assist, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz
1615 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.
1634 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1721 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1722 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1758 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1802 – traffic complaint, Carriage Ln.
2129 – suspicious circumstances, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2218 – suspicious circumstances, 25000 bl. Karr
2222 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.

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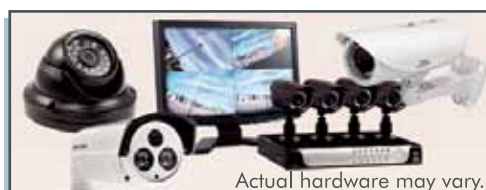


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The Belleville High School Varsity Girls Bowling Team won the KLAA Championship last weekend and posed for a picture with the trophy. In front, from left, are Claudia Jenkins, Katherine Dybicki, and Ka'Lynn Savage. In back, from left, are Coach Allison, Sydney Allison, Asia Wells, Shannon VanDalen, and Coach Villa.



Photo by Janet Millard

On Saturday, Andy Chae and Amy Echert of Fisheye Farms in Detroit came to McKean Road in Willis to conduct the yearly Certified Grown Farm peer inspection at Crated Earth Farm. Janet Millard and Claudia Roullier participated as members of the Belleville Central Business Community. Andy Chae of Fisheye Farms is at left. Shane Convery, owner of Crated Earth Farm and manager of the CBC's Farmers Market, is at right.

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